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Allotment of quarters to Central Government Officers in the Government Estate.

* 735 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state why officials of the Government of India drawing higher salaries are given the benefit of the Government House Estate buildings for occupation in preference to low-paid Madras State Officials?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Under the existing orders, officials of Government of India are not eligible to occupy quarters in the Government Estate, Mount Road. Four of them however who had been allotted quarters in 1948, continue to occupy them. When they vacate, the buildings will be allotted to State Government servants."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Will the Hon. Minister please see that on their vacation, these buildings are provided for our Government officials? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir. Under the rules, no Government of India servant could be provided for."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are the Government aware that the real occupants of many of the houses are not the persons in whose name the house stands? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Wherever such cases have been brought to the notice of this Government, action has been taken."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Along with helping the State Government servants by giving them residence in the Estate, will the Government also give priority to M.L.As. when they want quarters? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There are some quarters reserved for M.L.As. Allotment of houses in the Estate is being made in strict order of priority."

Breaching of Vellaru into Pudaru.

* 736 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the ryots of Nagaratanpallam village in Palayoor Vattam of Alangudy taluk in Pudukkottai Division of Tiruchirappalli district have complained to the authorities of the wide breaching of Vellaru into Pudaru endangering Odakanmoi and Odavayal by inundation, erosion, etc. ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) No Sir."

" (b) Does not arise."

Grant of allowances to the Sanitary workers of the Cannanore Municipality.

* 737 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commissioner of Cannanore Municipality has recommended to the Government to give trenching ground allowance, rubbish lorry allowance, increment of pay, gratuity for menial staff, full pay for sick leave period, and full fee concessions to the children of all sanitary workers of the Cannanore Municipality; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The matter is under examination."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, how long it will take for the Government to come to a final conclusion?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" As early as possible, Sir."

Functions of Marketing Officers for handloom products.

* 738 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many marketing officers for handloom products are in the State and what their functions are; and

(b) how many emporiums have been opened in the State for selling and stocking handloom products?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) Government have not undertaken the marketing of handloom products on their own responsibility. The Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society has its own marketing staff. It has also opened emporia in different parts of the State. A statement[a] giving particulars of the marketing staff employed and the list of selling units maintained by the State society is placed on the table of the House."

Community Project Schemes for South Arcot district.

* 739 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the amount sanctioned and spent by the Government under the Five-Year Plan and the Community Project Schemes in South Arcot district up to the end of March 1953;

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 776–777 infra.